

the vote and count again and see every democrat falling in line behind the Withem amendment, which I supported and which two of my republican colleagues supported also. So please, folks, represent your districts. Quit hurling accusations of politics and supporting issues because of political parties solely. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, let me, again, indicate, Mr. President, I wasn't indicating that Senator Byars and Senator Smith and Senator Coordsen obviously were not taking a partisan tact in the vote that they made. Perhaps the democrats were. Perhaps other republicans were. Senator Byars, I wasn't intending to impugn you at all. In fact, I was just trying to impugn Senator Conway and the others that voted for the Conway amendment previously so...No, the point is, yes, the point is we know what's going on here. I mean, let's not try and kid ourselves. We've got...we do have some senators that obviously their districts are impacted negatively by this change. Some have recognized that and tried to do something about it. Others have seemed not to care about that very much, frankly. They've perhaps had more interest in the political party aspects than they have the impacts on their own districts and I, for one, think that's wrong. It seems to me, obviously, there's a mutual concern that I have. One is, as democrat, that that district becomes more difficult for a democrat to possibly win that congressional seat. But as a Lincoln senator, this plan is bad for Lincoln and it's bad for the neighboring area of Lincoln that surrounds us. It attempts to cut away as much as it can the area that surrounds the western area and south, southern, area around Lancaster County. So in a couple of different ways I have very deep concerns about this proposal. Senator Conway talked about, I don't think the Governor will veto this; we don't want a special session to deal with it. Well, I don't know what the Governor will do but I know he's concerned about the situation and I think that most reasonable people will look at the Withem plan and say, well, that seems fair; that holds a balance in terms of party registration; seems to better represent where we were before; doesn't make such a drastic change to the southern area of the district. It isn't everything everybody wants, obviously, but it was certainly a reasonable compromise and one that was rejected out of hand, I think inappropriately, for considerations that weren't in the best interests of the people of this state. So I, again,